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In re the Application of: **NAKAMURA, Takashi et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/880,081**

Examiner: **Lenard A. Footland**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 31, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.